ENJOY YOUR

HIGH SIERRA

VACATION

AT

MINERAL KING

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Mineral King nestles right against the Great Western Divide, giving you the easiest access into it *by far.* Within just a couple of hours, you will find yourself totally in the back country. You have the choice of four different passes to use right out of the Pack Station. These passes provide entry into a vast variety of back country to enjoy. Alpine scenery is foremost with just the right blend of lakes, streams, meadows and untouched stands of timber. These are available in abundance for fishing, photography or just plain enjoyment.

THE MINERAL KING PACK STATION

The Mineral King Pack Station, at road's end, is in the center of the Mineral King Valley at about 8000 ft. elevation. The setting reminds one of the Swiss Alps. Camp sites are present nearby along with a restaurant, store and cabins at Silver City, only four miles away.

SERVICES PROVIDED

You are provided with a full range of horse and mule activities. Our basic purpose is the transportation of people and/or gear into the wilderness. You can rent a riding animal for one hour up to a week or two. The pack animals will transport whatever you want to accompany you on your High Sierra vacation, whether you ride a horse or walk. Our professional outfitting services range from just giving advice to providing you with a completely luxurious vacation. All you need to do is ride your horse, snap the shutter on your camera or cast your fishing line into the water. A guide or packer always accompanies our stock except for the burros for walking parties.

STOCK

You will be entirely at ease riding our stock and under our care whether you are a beginning camper, a novice or have enjoyed many seasons of back-country camping. You will enjoy riding our stock because they are gentle, well mannered and will find they are well trained for mountain travel. You will be pleased at their strong, well kept appearance.

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PERSONNEL

You will have the benefit of our twenty years experience in this outfitting business. Our prime concern has always been the satisfaction and enjoyment of our customers. Well trained, very experienced guides, packers and cooks will assist you in enjoying your mountain vacation.

WHY THE MINERAL KING AREA IS FOR YOU

Within a couple of hours, you will leave civilization behind, being totally ingulfed in the wilderness. There are many loops to be traveled out of Mineral King, all leaving from and returning to our Pack Station. You will be enjoying some of the cleanest air on earth. This is where you find that elusive solitude that lets you forget the hectic schedules and telephones at home. Here is the scenery so soothing it lets you unwind.

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FLY FISHING

Sport fishing is generally acknowledged to involve many experiences. For example, a fishing trip can be the occasion for a father-son talk or an opportunity to catch a tasty meal. In the High Sierra, the setting affords the best of all reasons for a fishing trip, the chance to enjoy all of the above and total freedom from schedules and obligations in addition to beauty not available at any other place!

WORKSHOP

You will be fortunate should you join our Fly Fishing Workshop to not only enjoy a fishing trip but to come back with the ability to completely enjoy many other fishing trips! Fly Fishing is an art and must be learned. After it is learned, few activities can be more relaxing and rewarding. Add to this the absolutely beautiful Mineral King mountain surroundings and you come up with an incomparable vacation. Of the two workshops offered, the first features lake fishing and the second features stream fishing.

YOUR INSTRUCTOR

Your instructor for these Fly Fishing Workshops is Don Hise. He has been a resident of Three Rivers for many years and is recently retired as administrator of the Three Rivers School District. His hobby for many years has been fly fishing and now, of course, he is an expert's expert. He is a member of the local Recreation Commission and the County Fly Fishing Club. Through these organizations, he has maintained a continuing program of fly fishing instruction. These courses and workshops are for the fly fisherman at any level whether a beginner or an expert fly fisherman.

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CUSTOM ARRANGED PACK TRIPS
Description And Prices

SPOT PACK TRIPS

A Spot Pack Trip is one in which you are packed to and left at a beautiful and desirable campsite (base camp in many instances) on a sparkling lake or beside a singing stream. Daily side trips or hikes or short, overnight trips to other areas can be made from this base camp. At a later specified time, the packer will return to pack your equipment and take you back to the Pack Station. This is an economical way to enjoy the back country without sacrificing the basic comforts and taxing your body beyond it's limits by carrying the food and equipment yourself. On the Spot Pack Trip, individuals will sometimes walk to the base camp while others will ride.

THE ALL EXPENSE PACK TRIP

This is the Pack Trip for the one that wants to unwind on a care-free, deluxe vacation. Your party is provided with pack stock, riding animals, guide and your own personal cook. Food, tent, table and chairs along with ample camping equipment are also provided. All you bring is your fishing and photography equipment, sleeping bag and personal articles. This trip is considerably more expensive than the others because of the added services and equipment provided. The All Expense Trip itinerary is comparable to the Extended Pack Trip.

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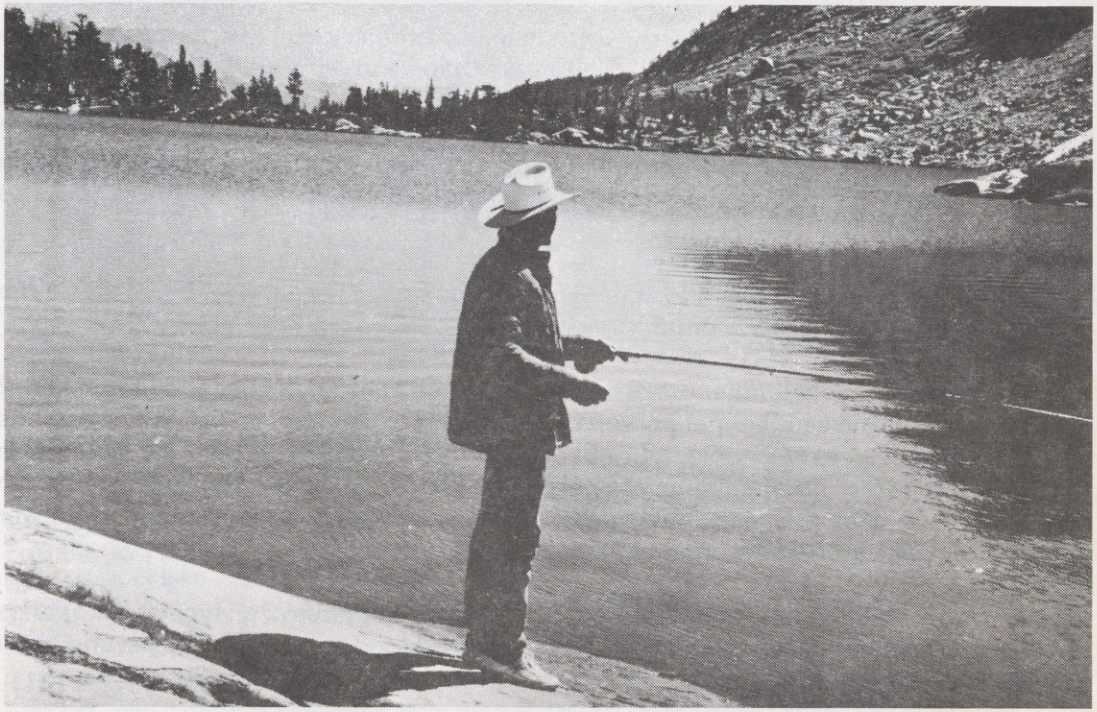
EXTENDED PACK TRIPS

Here your party is provided with pack stock, riding animals and a guide for the entire trip. You furnish your own camping equipment, food and cooking gear. You do the camp cooking that seems to take on a new magic in the great outdoors. Camp is moved to another location about 60 to 70 percent of the days spent in the back country. An Extended Pack Trip is the nicest way to see the High Country, camping at several different lakes, streams and rivers. Different types of scenery are encountered along with the possibility of catching different species of fish in varying waters every day. Lay-over days are spent on side trips, fishing the near-by lake or stream or just loafing in and around camp, soaking up the peacefulness and magic of the High Country.



LOAD LIMITS

Mules . . . . . 150 pounds
Burros . . . . . 80 pounds

RESERVATIONS—should be made as soon as plans become firm. A 20% deposit is required to hold all reservations. Deposit will be refunded if pack trip is cancelled 45 days prior to departure date.

GUIDED DAY TRAIL RIDES ARE AVAILABLE

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SCHEDULED EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER PLANNED PACK TRIPS

These Pack Trips are scheduled so that anyone can join. They are set up for folks that do not have their own group, ones that enjoy meeting new friends and desire to have all arrangements made in advance. The Educational Pack Trips are designed to provide specific and detailed knowledge in an enjoyable atmosphere that will decidedly enhance future wilderness excursions.

These trips are scheduled from mid-June through September 15th. They range in length from weekends to 7 days. Most last 4 to 6 days. Some have themes such as workshops for photography and fly fishing. Others feature detailed geological information where others focus on families and companionship. They all concentrate on the individual and assuring that the group is having and enjoyable and fabulous vacation.

For these trips, meals, camping gear, tents, tables and chairs are provided. Except for the walking trips, you are provided with a riding animal. Your personal gear will be transported from camp to camp. You may bring your own tent if it is of the modern lightweight type. You are expected to bring your own sleeping bag, mattress, clothing and personal articles. You may also bring your own photographic equipment, fishing gear (no tackle boxes) and alcoholic beverages if desired. Maximum allowed weight for the above is 30 pounds.

A 25% deposit is required to hold your reservation on one of the above trips. The balance is due two weeks prior to the departure date.

Charges depend upon number of persons in party and amount of gear and food taken. 2 or 3 persons will have higher per person charge than 4 to 6 persons. The limit of persons per party range is 2 to 25 people. Amount of gear and food taken also affects the cost. In general, parties require a minimum of 2 persons, with food and gearonone pack mule. No more than one pack mule is allowed per person. Usually spot pack trips require fewer pack mules per party than extended pack trips.

Please write or call for flyers containing exact details and prices of all types of pack trips and rides provided. Also included in flyer is suggested food and equipment list and other helpful suggestions.

CHOOSING THE IDEAL AREA TO VISIT

You will have a wide range of choices for Base Camp trips in addition to Extended or Traveling trips. Numerous loops can be made, leaving Mineral King on one trail and returning by another. Even though it is a popular area, solitude is easily found. Fabulous scenery is foremost and present at all locations. You will have the choice between excellent stream and lake fishing areas or both. You will have the choice of visiting scenic meadows, wilderness groves of Giant Sequoias and other varieties of timber plus an abundance and variety of alpine scenery.

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THE GREAT WESTERN DIVIDE

The Mineral King area is dominated by the Great Western Divide and it provides the largest share of lakes, streams and mountains to enjoy. Within the Great Western Divide, the main small valleys, canyons and bowls you will want to see are: Cliff Creek, Redwood Meadow, Five Lakes Basin, Big Arroyo, Lost Canyon, Soda Creek, Rattlesnake Creek, Sky Parlor Meadow and the Little Kern Canyon. The main lakes or lake areas you will want to visit are Big and Little Five Lakes, Morraine Lake, Forester Lake, Silver Lake, Coyote Lakes, Blossom Lakes, Evalyn Lake, Tammarack Lake and Nine Lakes Basin.

THE KERN RIVER CANYON

This **big**, long canyon is a fabulous, wild, deep walled and spectacular canyon that really must be experienced to believe! You are fortunate when using Mineral King Pack Station services to have over 30 miles of this Yosemite-like canyon to enjoy. Enhancing it can be side trips to such areas as the remote Kern-Kaweah River, Milestone Basin and Lake South America. From the Kern it is easy to reach other areas by horseback such as Mt. Whitney, Crabtree Meadow, Rock Creek, Whitney Meadows and Golden Trout Creek.

HOCKETT PLATEAU

You will find the Hockett Plateau an especially enjoyable wilderness. Any activity that is enjoyed in the High Sierra is available here. It contains some of the best high country meadows in the Sierra. Some of the best mountain lake fishing is here. Mountains for climbing are near by. Topping all this, it is a great area for beginners because of the easy trail leading into the area. What else can you ask for?

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KAWEAH RIVER, MIDDLE FORK

This area is hard to beat for stream fishing. Cliff Creek, Granite Creek, Eagle Scout Creek and the Middle Fork of the Kaweah River are all superb streams for fishing. The fish are larger than in most high country lakes and streams. This area is not heavily fished so you can easily find plenty of undisturbed pools. The trout species caught here are Golden, Rainbow and German Browns. Tamarack Lake, just one day above here has some trophy sized Golden Trout in it.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

Finally, here is your opportunity to learn how to expertly photogragh everything encountered during your high country excursions. One of the greatest features of this trip is the tremendous amount and variety of scenery you will be photographing. Just think of the incomparable and priceless albums you will have! The icing on the cake is that you will also learn a great deal about the biology of this high mountain range.

The Itinerary

You will be riding and traveling through high alpine valleys among singing streams and over high passes. Also, virgin stands of timber along with colorful expansive meadows settled in between will be encountered. You will be among the fortunate few that tread these wilderness expanses.

Kern River Canyon NPS PHOTO

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Watch Tower NPS PHOTO

Sponsor

This workshop is sponsored by the Photographic Society International and is instructed by James M. King. Mr. King has worked as a field biologist and nature photographer at the University of California, Santa Barbara for the past twelve years. His research and photographic assignments have taken him to many diverse locations. His photography and articles have appeared in National Geographic books, Time, Scientific American, Nikon and numerous other publications.

Content of Workshop

Photographers of all levels will have the opportunity to create lasting images of a variety of natural and wildlife subjects. Included will be *personal instruction with your own equipment* one day prior to the trip. As a participant, you will develop a personal style and visual expertise under Mr. King's tutelage. While evening lectures will include composition, exposure, choice of equipment and technique, the emphasis will be on field photography: landscape, wildlife, long lens and close up.

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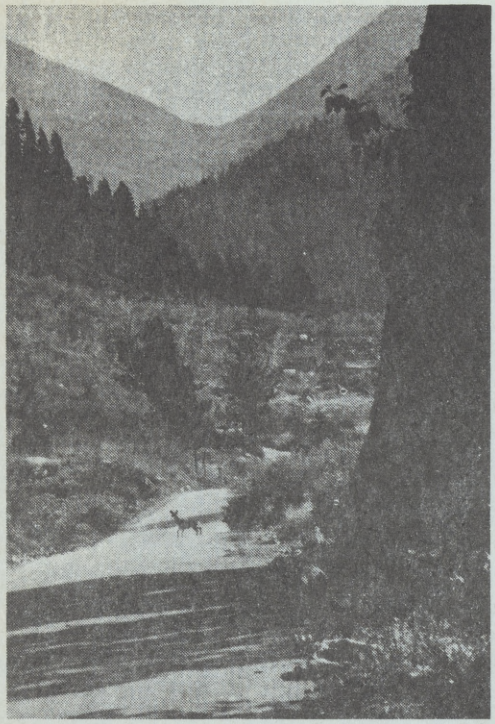

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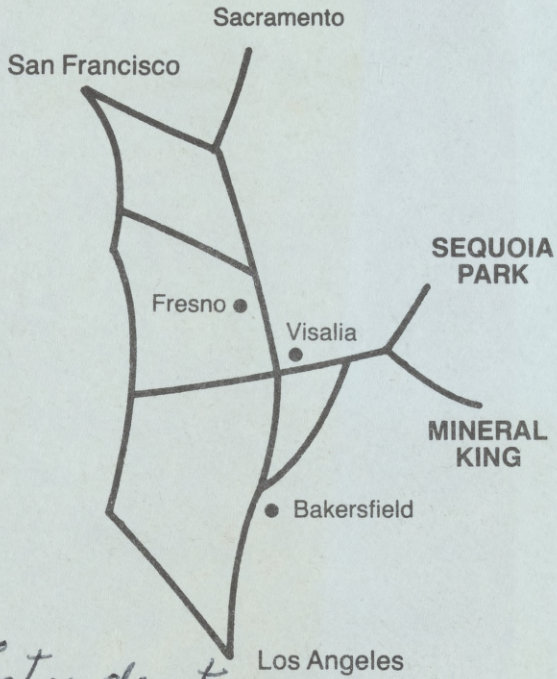

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